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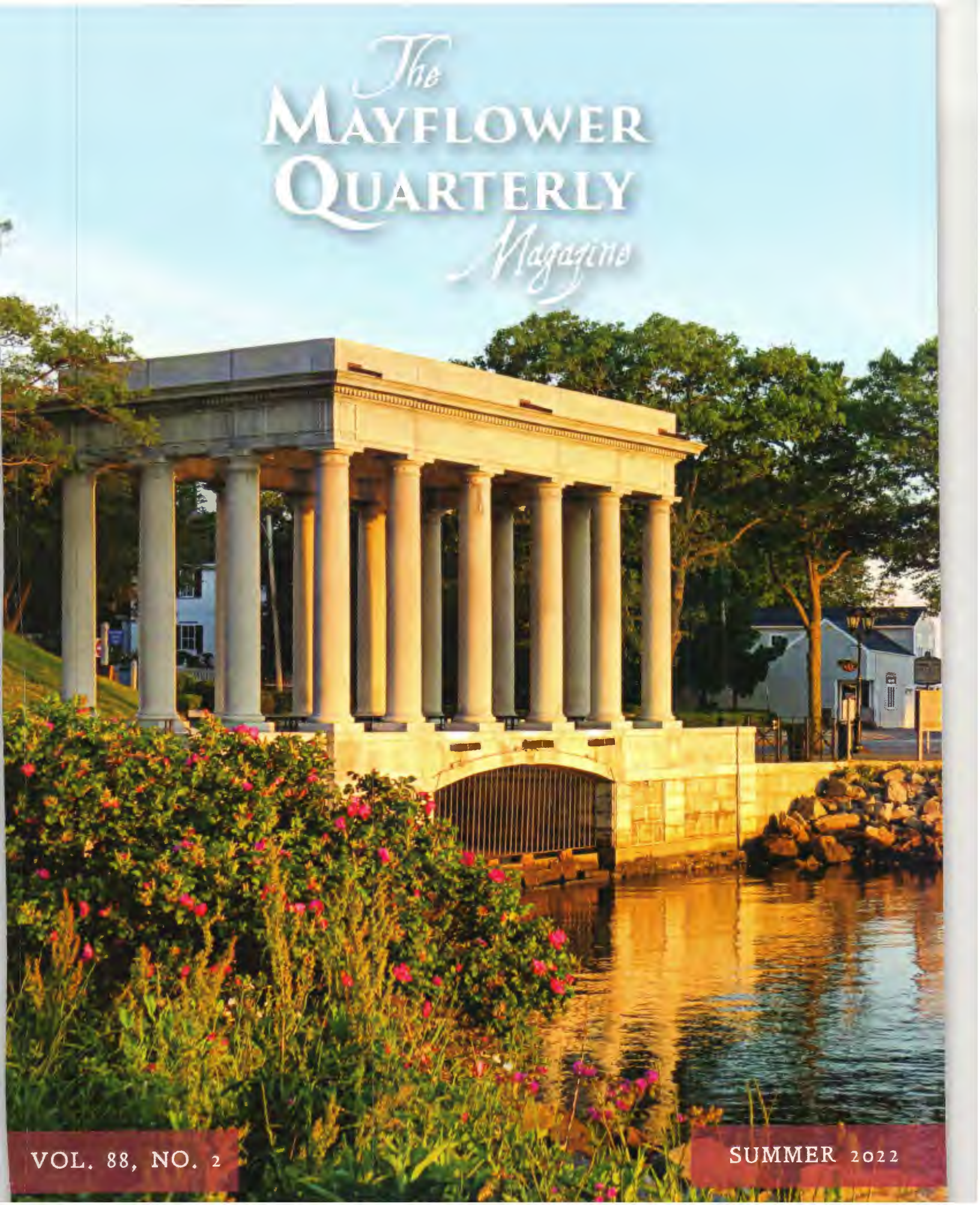

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The Mayflower Society House Virtual Lecture Series continues in 2022! These lectures cover a variety of Pilgrim related topics, including the Pilgrims' odyssey, their life and times, their maritime experience and, of course, genealogy. There are lectures to enjoy in June, July, and August!

Please plan to join us for these events, and learn about Pilgrim and genealogy topics from the comfort of your home. The next lecture topics are highlighted below; stay tuned for announcements of additional lectures!

The Mayflower Society House
Virtual Lecture Series

Wednesday, June 29, 2022:
Mark Schmidt, "The Mayflower Society House and the Red Cross: How the House was used during World War II"

Thursday, July 21, 2022:
Bonnie Mucia, "Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society with the Silver Books as Your Guide"

Wednesday, August 24, 2022:
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EDITOR'S NOTE

▲ She's home!

Welcome to the summer edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine!*

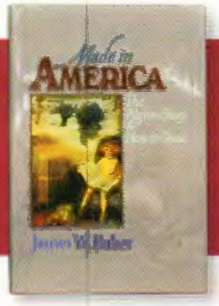
The photograph of the *Mayflower II* you see displayed to the right of my Editor's Note was captured by Bob Johnson of Plymouth as the ship was returning this spring to its home berth in Plymouth Harbor from Mystic, Connecticut. Watching the return of the *Mayflower II* is always a hopeful sign of the coming summer festivities in and around our hometown! Thank you to Bob Johnson for sharing his impressive photo with us.

We received many interesting articles to be included in the summer edition. Thank you to everyone who sent in material. We did our best to include as many submissions as possible.

You will note, we continue advertising James W. Baker's book entitled, *Made in America: The Pilgrim Story & How It Grew*. This text is important reading material for every Mayflower descendant and individuals interested in the Mayflower story. As David Furlow wrote in his review of Mr. Baker's book in *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, Vol. 87, No. 1, "If you seek to understand the Pilgrims and Plymouth, this book deserves a prominent place on your own bookshelf. It's that important – and it's that good." I encourage all of our readers to purchase and enjoy this book!

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer!

– A.R.W.



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Governor General's Message

GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT

The Minnesota Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Executive Committee officers cordially invite you to attend the 2022 General Board of Assistants Meeting (GBOA) in Bloomington, Minnesota, September 7–11, 2022. Information and registration may be found online at the following address, by logging into the members only section of the website: **themayflowersociety.org/event/2022-gboa/**.

Friday, September 9th is Education Day with committees meeting and historian training in the morning. The Governor General's Forum will be held that afternoon with featured speakers on topics you will not want to miss, followed that evening by a Welcome Reception hosted by the Minnesota Society for registered members and guests.

Saturday, September 10th, the General Board of Assistants will gather to conduct the business of the Society, to share reports, and to honor members for outstanding achievement. Saturday evening, plan to join Mayflower colleagues for a cocktail reception followed by the 2022 General Board of Assistants Banquet held at the Radisson Blu-Mall of America. The banquet keynote speaker will be Plimoth Patuxet Museums' Deputy Executive Director Richard Pickering.

Sunday, September 11th, the Governor General's 1620 Club will gather by invitation only in recognition of current 1620 Club members. For more information on the Governor General's 1620 Club, please contact the Development Coordinator at GSMD International Headquarters, (508) 746-3188, extension #27. My appreciation is extended for your overwhelming support of the Governor General's 1620 Club project.

The Mayflower Society House upgrade needs are extensive—foundation, windows, gutters, electrical, roof, as well as interior repairs and upgrades to meet code. The house will unfortunately remain closed during 2022 as we continue with the repairs and delays due to supply chain issues. With your continued support, when it reopens, this GSMD icon will be a showcase of historic preservation in the Plymouth area and a place of pride for GSMD members.

In February, it was my pleasure to announce the appointment of Endowment Trustee Robert "Bob" Harvey, CPA, who also serves as the Treasurer for the Nebraska Society. Bob has accepted the appointment to fill the position vacated by Ben Proctor III, which expires in 2023.

On Valentine's Day, GSMD welcomed new Director of Genealogy and Research Services Dr. Erin Scheopner to the organization. Dr. Scheopner earned a Ph.D. in History and has been teaching and lecturing at Goldsmiths, University of London. Please welcome her!

GSMD received the Certificate of Registration, dated March 1, 2022, from the United States Trademark Office for the new GSMD trademark, "The Mayflower Society."

On March 19th, the Executive Committee officers met in Plymouth. Updates on the Mayflower Society House, the Meetinghouse, and the campus will be announced at the GBOA Meeting in September.

Governor General Member Society visits for 2022 began with a trip to Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Mayflower Society meeting, March 25–26. Installing the newly elected officers was a privilege. I was honored to be presented with Pennsylvania's prestigious Katharine F. Little Distinguished Mayflower Award.

By the time you receive this edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, I will have completed visits to the Missouri, Nebraska, Virginia, and Illinois Mayflower Society meetings. The Iowa Mayflower Society visit is scheduled for June 18–19.

On May 29-June 10, members joined me and tour host, Lisa Shoemaker, Historic Sites Chairman, on the 2022 Mayflower Heritage Tour. Our tour began in Amsterdam where we were welcomed to the Netherlands. This thirteen-day tour traced the lives of our ancestors in the Netherlands and England.

Your Executive Committee officers are hard at work, and we will travel back to Plymouth for the June Executive Committee meeting. Please join me for the Governor General's webinar scheduled for July 26th.

The GSMD Heritage Breakfast, held at the Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C., was canceled for 2022 by the Executive Committee due to health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The next GSMD Heritage Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

As part of Heritage Week, I attended the Hereditary Fortnight events in Washington D.C. where I was honored to represent GSMD on behalf of our over 31,000 members. I was a special guest of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists General Assembly and introduced by National President, Melanie Platt, at their Candlelight Supper.

This Governor General also attended the Hereditary Society Community Gala and was one of three leading organizations invited to bring greetings. During this gala, awards were presented to many honorees, among them were New England Historic Genealogical Society Chief Executive Officer Brenton Simons and Missouri Mayflower Society Governor Sumner Hunnewell. Congratulations to all award recipients.

Sadly, Former Governor General Filson's injuries prevented her from traveling and attending Heritage Week this year. She was scheduled to speak to the National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars (NSDCW) on the Meetinghouse restoration progress. In her absence, I was pleased to present the Meetinghouse project update and accept the NSDCW generous $15,000 donation, with a final check promised within the next few weeks.

The Meetinghouse project update was also presented to the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (NSSDP) and I was presented with their additional donation of $10,000. This brings their total donations to the Meetinghouse project to $30,000. The NSSDP will continue to support the Meetinghouse project through the next year.

It was my pleasure to represent the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and gather with Mayflower friends and colleagues at these events.

This will be an exciting year for all of us to share quality time together. Many changes are occurring on campus and in the Society. Please visit our GSMD website for updates as they occur. I look forward to seeing you during this remarkable 125th Anniversary year of our founding: **General Society of Mayflower Descendants 1897–2022.**

News from the Plymouth Office – Executive Director's Update

MARK SCHMIDT

As we approach the warmer New England spring and summer months, the activities of The Mayflower Society are also warming up. The Society's new website has added a new and improved web store to make purchasing items from our online Gift Shop easier. In addition, the Society has published a new membership brochure and has made these available to the Member Societies.

The virtual talks, which highlight different aspects of what The Mayflower Society provides for members and the community at large, continues throughout the year. (For a full listing of our virtual talks, please visit TheMayflowerSociety.org.) And, more programs are coming up in the days ahead–please be sure to check in to see what we are doing.

It was gratifying to team up with Pilgrim Hall Museum in February as the Society hosted a virtual talk with artist Karen Rinaldo, creator of the painting *The First Thanksgiving, 1621*. The talk, discussing the only depiction of all known participants in that historic event, was attended by people from all over the globe. Being able to collaborate with the oldest continuously operating museum in the country was a wonderful experience as we work together to educate and enrich our members and our community about our past.

It is also gratifying to know, that for our General Board of Assistants (GBOA) Meeting in Minnesota this fall, The Mayflower Society will be honoring Richard Pickering, the Deputy Executive Director of Plimoth Patuxet Museums. Dr. Pickering has been in the vanguard of education efforts regarding the early Plymouth Colony settlers and the Native Americans who lived amongst them. Dr. Pickering will be speaking to the attendees of the GBOA about his research and experiences, and the discussion promises to be most enriching. We hope you can be there to take it all in.

As for me, I am looking forward to meeting so many of you in person in Minnesota. Your enthusiasm, warmth, and camaraderie have been wonderful to

experience. It will be great to get out and discuss things in person with all of you – hey, ZOOM is great but nothing beats a face-to-face meeting – and I hope you will take the time to introduce yourself.

So, as we welcome the better weather, longer days, and increased sunshine, know that we are working hard to always improve your Mayflower Society experience.

GSMD Welcomes New Director of Genealogy and Research Services!

ERIN KATE SCHEOPNER

Thank you for my warm welcome to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD)! I have enjoyed meeting many of you and look forward to crossing paths with more of you as I settle into my new role as Director of Genealogy and Research Services (DGRS). I am excited to be here, to learn more about the Mayflower passengers and their descendants, and to work to support our mission of research and educational programs that instill a passion for history through protecting, preserving, and interpreting historical evidence.

My background includes a broad range of international experience in higher education, in non-profit, and in local government. My passion for community-building and education has driven my career and volunteer path and has included exploring beyond my Seattle roots and completing a Master's degree in Empires, Colonialism, and Globalization at the London School of Economics and earning a Ph.D. in History at Goldsmiths, University of London. I have spent the past six and one-half years in London researching and teaching History and am eager to put my experience to work at GSMD.

As the new DGRS, I am currently focused on operational improvements, communication development and both member and Historian support. We have an amazingly talented team of individuals working at the Plymouth offices and a uniquely diverse and dedicated group of Historians at the Member Society level. Drawing on my educator background, I am interested in boosting our training outputs, streamlining our communications, and creating a more engaging space for members and Historians.

Updating the Historians Manual is a top priority, but there are other areas to consider too, including developing educational resources which target different learning styles, crafting work flow processes for the Library and Genealogical staff at GSMD, and upgrading technology to assist with research and application processes. Work is already underway for many of these projects, and I will keep you posted on our progress.

While I am not a member of GSMD, I hope that my background and experience as an educator and historian will prove useful. For those interested, my area of specialty in research is media and politics. I am excited to announce that my first book, *'Miserable conflict and confusion': The Irish Question in British Newspapers, 1916-22* is available from Liverpool University Press.

GSMD Executive Committee Surgeon General Receives Distinguished Award

George J. Hill, MD, D.Litt., General Society of Mayflower Descendants Surgeon General, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Science and Liberal Arts (CSLA) of the New Jersey Institute of Technology on May 4 in Newark, New Jersey. The Department of History at the CSLA nominated Hill for his 2021 book, *Health Matters: A New View of Human History*. Hill is Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School.

Health Matters proposes an audacious new concept of human history. Dr. Hill argues that the primary goal of humans, from cave dwellers to the modern world, has been the search for good health and a long life.

Why Our Mayflower Meetinghouse Project Will Succeed

LEA SINCLAIR FILSON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL PILGRIM MEMORIAL MEETINGHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

Sometimes you must accept 'divine intervention' as the reason things happen. I have felt from the very beginning that GSMD's decision to take on the Mayflower Meetinghouse project has been guided by that intervention with a big push from our ancestors.

On March 29, my right non-weight-bearing ankle bone broke at the top of a staircase with seventeen steps. When I heard my ankle crack and felt it turn under me, I knew the seriousness of what was about to happen. As I felt myself falling, before impact, I said to myself, "If this is my time, I am ready to cross over, but if not, please make my injuries minor."

A day later in ICU at South Shore Hospital I learned that not only had I broken my ankle, but I had arrived in a stage 4 coma, had a serious concussion with brain bleed, a fractured spine, damaged ligaments, three cracked ribs, and two sprained wrists. The emergency room doctor came to visit me when they moved me from ICU to a regular room to tell me the good news and the bad news.

The good news was that he considered my survival a miracle. He said most people who go through a fall like mine either die or have life-altering injuries, but that every injury I had was aligned in a way that each would heal with no lasting effects. The bad news was that I would take time to heal, and that I was being transported to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital on Cape Cod to spend time getting back on my feet.

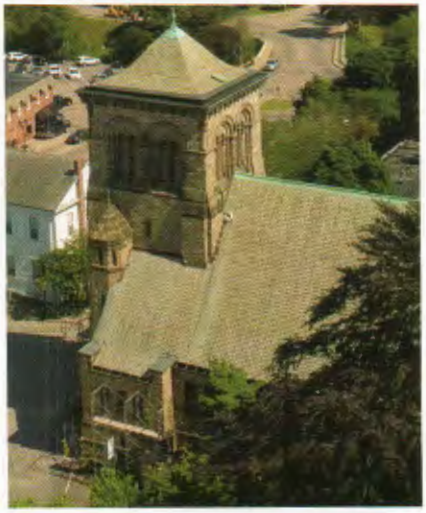
In mid-April, I was released to be homebound with therapists and was finally allowed to work outside of the home on a limited basis beginning May 5. Since then I have extended each day as my concussion allows. In other words, when the head hurts, I rest. I am allowed to fly six months from the day of the fall which means I can come to Minnesota for GBOA!

Why am I telling you this? Because, despite the speaking cancellations I had to make for Heritage Week in Washington DC, our wonderful Governor General Jane Hurt rearranged her busy schedule to attend in my place. Thank you to the National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars! They were excited to have the GSMD Governor General there, and at the end of the talk, they presented a donation to the Meetinghouse for $15,000. Then, at the end of Governor General Hurt's talk to the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, she was presented with another check for $10,000. Both of those organizations have made the Meetinghouse their own national projects and have been sending additional checks to which these two were added. The generosity is overwhelming!

As prices have gone up due to the pandemic, supply and demand stress, and world events, our price for finishing the Mayflower Meetinghouse has risen to $20,000,000. Our efforts to bring major donors onboard continue, and with everything that has happened, finishing the project may be slower, but it is still within our reach. Our goals remain achievable because many generous groups remain supportive of the GSMD's mission and continue to send donations. They are following the example of our own GSMD Member Societies.

In the end, every funding campaign has its own unique story. Ours will be one that shows that 400 years later, events in the world worked against our efforts, but just like our ancestors, we prevailed against impossible odds. With my own personal setback, I now believe what we all say about 'strong Pilgrim stock'. In a much shorter time than our ancestors suffered, I will be back making speeches, doing zooms, and thanking all of you for your continued support.

In the meantime, we will continue doing tours and events in the Meetinghouse around the construction and work being done. Enjoy your summer, and if you make your way to Plymouth, let me know so we can give you a tour of the Mayflower Meetinghouse, the place you have so generously supported.



Now Accepting Scholarship Donations

LORRIE LINK, GSMD MEMBER-AT-LARGE
AND GSMD SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

GSMD *Scholarships*

The Executive Committee of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) and the GSMD Scholarship Committee are happy to announce the creation and approval of the GSMD Scholarship Endowment Fund. This endowment fund was created with resources remaining from the 2020 Fund. This fund will allocate approximately four percent of earnings towards the scholarship funds. Currently, scholarship monies are allocated from the general fund; however, now we can ensure we have supplemental money set aside to award our scholarship winners.

This endowment fund provides our members with the opportunity to make specific donations and grow the scholarship program. While this fund will not immediately provide the income required to award all of the scholarships, continuous donations will eventually grow the fund and ensure that we are able to provide additional educational assistance to our members' children and grandchildren.

In the near future, we hope to also add a Native American scholarship. This scholarship will recognize and honor the shared history we have with our Native American neighbors.

For quite a few years now I have been the scholarship chair. This appointed position is a job, but it is a job I love, with one directive: to organize and work with the committee responsible for adjudicating the scholarship applications in a fair and just manner. It also provides the opportunity to have our members and their children learn about the *Mayflower* and our ancestors. Our youth are our future and our scholarships are a way we can educate them on the importance of telling our history and continuing our legacy. Please consider making a donation to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Thank you!

All GBOA 2021 photographs in this issue are courtesy of John F. Keller. Thank you John, for your wonderful photographs!

General Board of Assistants Meeting

Bloomington, Minnesota, September 7–11, 2022

SECRETARY GENERAL MEG AVERETT

Thank you for planning to attend our 2022 General Board of Assistants (GBOA) Meeting, hosted by the Minnesota Society. Join your Mayflower family as we gather to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD).

The GBOA Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections with other members. You will have the chance to be involved in the business of our Society and gather best practices to take home to your Member Society.

All General Society officers are urged to attend. If the elected or nominated Deputy Governor General (DGG) or Assistant General (AG) of your Society is unable to attend, your Society board may authorize "Acting" Officers for this meeting only. If this is the case within your Society, your Secretary must forward the names of the Acting Officers to the Secretary General one month prior to the meeting. Acting Officers will not be seated without this authorization. Registered Member Society members and family are welcome to attend the meeting as silent observers and may participate in tours and meals.

Please make your reservation online through July 15, 2022, to avoid a late registration fee (subject to availability). Please note that if you are an officer attending the GBOA Meeting on Friday, do not book a tour that day. However, GBOA officers should book the luncheon since time will be limited before the afternoon session resumes.

Complete information has been emailed to General Society officers and may be found online on The Mayflower Society website. To register, sign in to the "Members Only" section of The Mayflower Society website: TheMayflowerSociety.org/members/. Once signed in, go to the "Members Only Events" page and follow the registration link to Eventbrite.

REGISTRATION FEE required for every member and guest, no exceptions, nonrefundable $75.

LATE REGISTRATION FEE after July 15, 2022, (subject to availability) $100.

All events are subject to Minnesota Covid-19 Restrictions at the time of the GBOA Meeting.

QUESTIONS?
Email Secretary General Meg Averett: SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Radisson Blu–Mall of America, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Individual room reservations must be received by Wednesday, August 10, 2022, to obtain special group rates. The special rate is available for Wednesday night, September 7th, through Sunday night, September 11th, on a first-come, first-reserve basis. The room rate for single and double occupancy is $169.00 per night. The quoted rate does not include fees, sales tax, or incidental charges.

To make hotel reservations, please go to: radissonblumoa.com and enter the promotional code: **MAYFWR**.

If you need additional assistance, please contact the Radisson Blu at (800) 333-3333. The hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. Reservation cancellations must occur at least 48 hours prior to check-in on the scheduled day of arrival in order to avoid a cancellation fee. Complimentary Internet access is provided within all guest rooms.

The Radisson Blu offers three **PARKING OPTIONS**:

1. Self-parking in the South Ramp located directly underneath the hotel at $18 per day, includes "in and out" privileges if the attendee or overnight guest goes to the hotel's front desk, advises the front desk that they will need "in and out" privileges and pays the $18 parking at the front desk. The front desk then validates the ticket for "in and out" privileges or provides chaser tickets for the "in and out" privileges. Self-parking is based upon availability.
2. Valet parking is $28 overnight (per night) based on availability at time of arrival.
3. Complimentary self-parking is also available in the East and West Mall of America ramps. If you are a registered hotel guest and are parking overnight in either of these lots, please bring the make and

model of your vehicle, as well as your license plate number, to the front desk upon check-in. The hotel team will inform the Mall of America team of your information. Mall of America's team will tow cars that are parked overnight in these two ramps that have NOT been registered with the hotel as staying at the hotel on that same night. If you are an overnight guest of the hotel, the recommendation is to first check-in at the front desk and drop off your luggage, then self-park your vehicle, fill out the required parking form with the required information and return to the front desk.

PLEASE NOTE: All parking pricing and availability is subject to change. The hotel assumes no liability for any damage or loss to vehicles parked in any of the parking ramp options.

GETTING THERE BY AIR: The Radisson Blu-Mall of America provides a complimentary shuttle to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. The shuttle runs daily and is based on availability at the time of the reservation request. Please contact the hotel for further details and a schedule.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will be held at the Radisson Blu unless stated otherwise.

Name badges required for entry into all events!

Wednesday–September 7, 2022

2:00 pm–5:00 pm Credentials pickup.

Thursday–September 8, 2022

9:00 am–5:00 pm Credentials pickup.

9:00 am–4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting and Lunch, $58.

9:00 am–4:00 pm Tour, $215 subject to availability.

- Paisley Experience Tour – Prince's Home and Studio.
- Lunch at Tavern 4&5 (lunch cost included in price).
- University of Minnesota Arboretum.

Friday–September 9, 2022 | EDUCATION DAY

9:00 am–5:00 pm Credentials pickup.

7:00 am–9:00 am Hot Breakfast Buffet, $46.

9:00 am–4:00 pm Tour, $176 subject to availability.

- Mill City Museum.
- Lunch at Murray's Steakhouse (lunch cost included in price).
- Minnesota State Capitol Building.
- Saint Paul Gangster Tour.

9:00 am–11:00 pm Historians Training.

9:00 am–12:00 pm Committee Meetings (see program upon arrival).

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Plated Lunch, $58.

1:00 pm–4:00 pm Governor General's Forum.

6:30 pm–8:00 pm Welcome Reception hosted by the Minnesota Society; open to all registered attendees. Appetizers and Cash Bar.

Saturday–September 10, 2022 | GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING

9:00 am–12:00 pm Credentials pickup.

7:00 am–9:00 am Hot Breakfast Buffet, $46.

9:00 am–4:00 pm GBOA Meeting: Required registration and attendance for all GBOA officers. Members and other guests must register to attend as silent observers as space allows.

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Plated Lunch, $58.

6:00 pm Banquet and Cocktail Reception, $100 (Cash Bar).
Keynote Speaker: Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director, Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

Sunday–September 11, 2022 | 1620 CLUB EVENTS

Governor General's 1620 Club Events for 1620 Club Donors and Invited Guests Only.

MEMBER SOCIETY FEES AND DUES, 2021

Member Society	Application Fee	Annual Dues	Life Membership Fees	Supplemental Fee	Junior Registration Fee	Number of Junior Members
Alabama	$150	$60	N/A	$150	$10	Unknown
Alaska	$176	$41	N/A	$125	N/A	N/A
Arizona	$150	$52	N/A	$150	$25	107
Arkansas	$165	$40	N/A	$125	$5	99
Australia	$125	$85	N/A	$125	$0	4
California	$245, $215 additional family member on the same line	$75	N/A	$180, $140 additional family member on the same line	$50	351
Canada	$145.96	$62.56	N/A	$145.96	$20.85	27
Colorado	$150	$50	N/A	$150	$20	109
Connecticut	$200	$65	Sliding	$200	$50	302
Delaware	$175	$65	$1,300	$150	$20	95
D.C.	$200	$65	Sliding	$200	$25	8
Europe	$250	$50	N/A	$150	N/A	N/A
Florida	$165	$54	Sliding	$165	$30	970
Georgia	$175	$65	$500	$125	$45	30
Hawaii	$165	$50	N/A	$115	0	4
Idaho	$195	$45	$555	$135	$25	6
Illinois	$225	$75	Sliding	$150	$15	170
Indiana	$205	$80	$800	$110	N/A	N/A
Iowa	$175	$40	N/A	$125	$15	240
Kansas	$198	$53	N/A	$145	$20	281
Kentucky	$175	$50	$1,000	$125	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	$250	$65	N/A	$250	$75	25
Maine	$175	$50	Sliding	$150	$15	422
Maryland	$325	$60	N/A	$200	$50	37
Massachusetts	$300	$95	Sliding	$250	$100	531
Michigan	$200	$52	Sliding	$148	$10	562
Minnesota	$265	$65	N/A	$200	$45	32
Mississippi	$300	$50	Sliding	$150	Varies	48
Missouri	$175	$50	N/A	$125	$25	144
Montana	$195	$45	N/A	$150	$25	16
Nebraska	$150	$45	N/A	$150	$20	83
Nevada	$170	$45	N/A	$170	$10	65
New Hampshire	$225	$75	N/A	$150	$30	101
New Jersey	$180	$42.50	N/A	$130	$10	295
New Mexico	$220	$56	N/A	$175	$10	55
New York	$150	$150	$3,000	$150	$100	
North Carolina	$175	$50	N/A	$175	$35	13
North Dakota	$150	$60	N/A	$150	$15	49
Ohio	$175	$56	N/A	$160	$10	428
Oklahoma	$205	$55	N/A	$150	$6	50
Oregon	$175	$50	N/A	$175	$20	100
Pennsylvania	$125	$65	N/A	$125	$15	41
Rhode Island	$200	$35	$2,000	$200	$3	67
South Carolina	$230	$70	Sliding	$230	$25	120
South Dakota	$150	$60	Sliding	$150	$15	
Tennessee	$170	$45	N/A	$170	$25	13
Texas	$220	$50	$1,500	$170	$15	489
Utah	$150	$60	N/A	$140	N/A	0
Vermont	$175	$55	Sliding	$175	$10	123
Virginia	$225	$50	N/A	$175	$10	396
Washington	$150	$49	N/A	$150	$15	123
West Virginia	$150	$40	N/A	$150	$15	15
Wisconsin	$195	$45	Sliding	$150	$25	597
Wyoming	$200	$70	N/A	$25	$5	26

GSMD MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 2012-2021

MEMBER SOCIETY	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Alabama	254	256	271	256	240	226	196	195	175	171
Alaska	61	59	66	64	68	66	73	73	73	78
Arizona	358	402	406	384	387	382	383	363	367	367
Arkansas	99	123	112	126	117	129	117	100	91	90
Australia	43	37								
California	2,512	2,615	2,392	2,410	2,404	2,476	2,504	2,438	2,577	2,530
Canada	245	239	267	254	249	245	255	245	229	235
Colorado	591	619	540	513	492	492	475	459	453	450
Connecticut	1,488	1,514	1,444	1,404	1,379	1,363	1,361	1,344	1,368	1,358
Delaware	183	184	172	193	186	187	187	180	175	163
District/Columbia	414	413	420	440	439	410	420	430	425	427
Europe	59	60	68	65	61	59				
Florida	1,548	1,539	1,570	1,526	1,451	1,390	1,338	1,311	1,278	1,282
Georgia	396	383	354	369	373	362	353	336	327	309
Hawaii	74	93	95	99	92	90	88	105	116	116
Idaho	151	154	143	144	133	142	143	134	133	122
Illinois	1,101	1,106	1,120	1,097	1,085	1,066	1,045	1,022	1,057	1,081
Indiana	414	432	445	452	428	433	445	436	436	434
Iowa	331	369	379	376	371	374	366	356	331	353
Kansas	440	451	436	439	404	384	393	391	382	371
Kentucky	210	198	201	194	190	187	175	171	165	155
Louisiana	172	176	169	171	164	154	165	162	156	161
Maine	1,108	1,097	1,088	1,108	1,091	1,090	1,112	1,138	1,173	1,193
Maryland	488	471	424	474	444	407	397	378	365	356
Massachusetts	3,879	3,892	3,706	3,628	3,526	3,381	3,372	3,354	3,356	3,380
Michigan	986	928	858	828	821	823	845	863	807	806
Minnesota	476	465	463	466	450	445	498	483	441	430
Mississippi	176	179	184	190	183	177	177	164	163	168
Missouri	322	309	304	306	302	303	304	308	310	313
Montana	118	119	123	116	116	117	113	116	118	116
Nebraska	271	269	277	296	284	290	297	288	299	301
Nevada	178	178	169	159	158	150	133	122	133	134
New Hampshire	571	593	593	595	566	540	557	529	518	513
New Jersey	764	831	825	786	792	804	789	766	771	783
New Mexico	144	153	185	176	171	164	161	160	158	155
New York	1,568	1,513	1,396	1,437	1,404	1,294	1,255	1,223	1,227	1,222
North Carolina	541	567	574	581	597	696	675	651	607	581
North Dakota	105	113	121	118	123	115	110	105	102	91
Ohio	984	999	932	946	916	891	873	831	812	791
Oklahoma	190	170	275	267	256	258	252	260	256	274
Oregon	257	263	246	235	215	218	206	207	255	243
Pennsylvania	819	801	758	776	757	741	718	594	596	628
Rhode Island	491	504	490	478	474	448	441	428	428	435
South Carolina	431	440	403	385	377	405	393	356	362	353
South Dakota	309	308	315	309	296	283	277	270	259	251
Tennessee	242	243	233	212	195	199	195	196	256	240
Texas	1,442	1,424	1,472	1,414	1,344	1,300	1,258	1,191	1,159	1,131
Utah	301	285	294	255	266	293	281	252	223	207
Vermont	616	606	606	556	581	596	606	600	598	606
Virginia	891	847	782	774	748	725	724	739	727	732
Washington	351	400	459	441	451	423	448	413	409	445
West Virginia	58	60	53	46	45	46	46	48	55	60
Wisconsin	641	641	621	581	557	538	534	523	531	538
Wyoming	81	101	104	108	107	107	117	112	110	110
TOTAL	**30,943**	**31,191**	**30,403**	**30,023**	**29,326**	**28,884**	**28,646**	**27,919**	**27,898**	**27,839**

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

TO BE CONSIDERED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, AT THE MINNESOTA GBOA MEETING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL CONGRESS IN 2023

(Deletions are ~~struck through~~ and additions are **bolded and underlined**).

Proposed Amendment 1:
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify Historian General Membership Manager of Transfer
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify Historian General of transfer The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the Historian General of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the Historian General shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify Historian General GSMD Membership Manager of transfer** The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the ~~Historian General~~ **GSMD Membership Manager** of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the ~~Historian General~~ **GSMD Membership Manager** shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify GSMD Membership Manager of transfer** The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the GSMD Membership Manager of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the GSMD Membership Manager shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.
Rationale: This language is outdated. The Membership Manager now performs this function.

Proposed Amendment 2:
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7g: Reinstatement of a former Member Society Member
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7g: Reinstatement of a former Member Society Member A former member of a Member Society may be re-instated in	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7g: Reinstatement of a former Member Society Member** A former member of a Member Society may be re-instated in	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7g: Reinstatement of a former Member Society Member** A former member of a Member Society may be re-instated in

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CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
said Member Society by complying with such provisions governing like cases, as said Member Society may have established. However, no former member of a Member Society, who has been dropped from said Member Society for non-payment of dues, may become a member of another Member Society until re-instated in the same Member Society of which he was formerly a member. But any former member who is so re-instated, or who becomes a member of any other Member Society, shall, in every case, retain the General Number originally assigned by the Historian General. Should such former member become a member of a Member Society other than the Member Society of which he, or she, was originally a member, the Secretary of such Member Society shall, within five days, notify the Historian General of the date of election and of the new Member Society Number assigned to such member.	said Member Society by complying with such provisions governing like cases, as said Member Society may have established. However, no former member of a Member Society, who has been dropped from said Member Society for non-payment of dues, may become a member of another Member Society until re-instated in the same Member Society of which he was formerly a member. But any former member who is so re-instated, or who becomes a member of any other Member Society, shall, in every case, retain the General Number originally assigned by the Historian General. Should such former member become a member of a Member Society other than the Member Society of which he, or she, was originally a member, the Secretary of such Member Society shall, within five days, notify the **GSMD Membership Manager** ~~Historian General~~ of the date of election and of the new Member Society Number assigned to such member.	said Member Society by complying with such provisions governing like cases, as said Member Society may have established. However, no former member of a Member Society, who has been dropped from said Member Society for non-payment of dues, may become a member of another Member Society until re-instated in the same Member Society of which he was formerly a member. But any former member who is so re-instated, or who becomes a member of any other Member Society, shall, in every case, retain the General Number originally assigned by the Historian General. Should such former member become a member of a Member Society other than the Member Society of which he, or she, was originally a member, the Secretary of such Member Society shall, within five days, notify the GSMD Membership Manager of the date of election and of the new Member Society Number assigned to such member.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.
Rationale: This language is outdated. The Membership Manager now performs this function.

Proposed Amendment 3:
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7h: Refusal of Transfer and Right of Appeal
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7h: Refusal of Transfer and Right of Appeal No Member Society on grounds of lineage only shall deny to a member in good standing of any	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7h: Refusal of Transfer and Right of Appeal** No Member Society on grounds of lineage only shall deny to a member in good standing of any	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7h: Refusal of Transfer and Right of Appeal** No Member Society on grounds of lineage only shall deny to a member in good standing of any

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CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
other Member Society the privilege of transfer of membership except by furnishing in writing to the Historian General the reasons for such objection and if an irreconcilable conflict of opinion on the point at issue shall arise, the Member Society as well as the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the General Board of Assistants, which may act as a body, or by a committee thereof to be appointed by the Governor General, and the decision of the General Board of Assistants or of such committee shall be final.	other Member Society the privilege of transfer of membership except by furnishing in writing to the Historian General the reasons for such objection and if an irreconcilable conflict of opinion on the point at issue shall arise, the Member Society as well as the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the General Board of Assistants, which may act as a body, or by a committee thereof to be appointed by the Governor General, and the decision of the General Board of Assistants or of such committee shall be final. **A member is in good standing if they are on the current membership list of at least one Member Society.**	other Member Society the privilege of transfer of membership except by furnishing in writing to the Historian General the reasons for such objection and if an irreconcilable conflict of opinion on the point at issue shall arise, the Member Society as well as the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the General Board of Assistants, which may act as a body, or by a committee thereof to be appointed by the Governor General, and the decision of the General Board of Assistants or of such committee shall be final. A member is in good standing if they are on the current membership list of at least one Member Society.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.
Rationale: There has been confusion about what the term "good standing" entails. This sentence better defines it.

Proposed Amendment 4:
ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 8: Removal of Member
Amend by striking and inserting as follows: (Current Section 8 will be renumbered as Section 9).

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
None.	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 8: Removal of Member** **A Member Society may, in accordance with its bylaws, remove a member who has been prejudicial to the Member Society or the GSMD. In the alternative, the Member Society may request that the GSMD Executive Committee remove the member. In that event, the GSMD Executive Committee may remove a member upon a two-thirds vote in the affirmative of those present and voting.**	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 8: Removal of Member** A Member Society may, in accordance with its bylaws, remove a member who has been prejudicial to the Member Society or the GSMD. In the alternative, the Member Society may request that the GSMD Executive Committee remove the member. In that event, the GSMD Executive Committee may remove a member upon a two-thirds vote in the affirmative of those present and voting.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.
Rationale: Member societies sometimes lack resources to vote out a member who has been harmful to their society or the GSMD. This allows the Executive Committee to take on the risks and burdens associated with member dismissals.

Proposed Amendment 5:

ARTICLE V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Section 4: Executive Committee Members-at-Large

Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Art. V, Section 4: Executive Committee Members-at-Large There shall be three Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee, at least one, with a maximum of two whom shall be from a Member Society whose greater portion lies West of the 91st West Meridian (Longitude) and East of the 89th East Meridian (Longitude). In the case of dual memberships, a member's Member Society shall be considered to be the Member Society that first received the initial application of the member, unless said member be an officer representing the additional Member Society. In the case of dual memberships, a member's Member Society shall be considered to be the Member Society that first received the initial application of the member, unless said member be an officer representing the additional Member Society	**Art. V, Section 4: Executive Committee Members-at-Large** There shall be three Members at- Large of the Executive Committee. ~~at least one, with a maximum of two whom shall be from a Member Society whose greater proportion lies west of the 91st West Meridian (Longitude) and East of the 89th East Meridian (Longitude). In the case of dual memberships, a member's Member Society shall be considered to be the Member Society that first received the initial application of the member, unless said member be an officer representing the additional Member Society.~~ **The three Members-at-Large shall be elected from an East and West division. At least one, with a maximum of two Members-at-Large shall be from the East division. The East division shall consist of the Member Societies whose greater portion lies east of the Mississippi River, and shall include Europe. The West division shall consist of the Member Societies whose greater portion lies west of the Mississippi, and shall include Minnesota, Canada and Australia.** In the case of dual memberships, a member's Member Society shall be considered to be the Member Society that first received the initial application of the member, unless **said the** member **be is an officer** representing another Member Society.	**Art. V, Section 4: Executive Committee Members-at-Large** There shall be three Members at- Large of the Executive Committee. The three Members-at-Large shall be elected from an East and West division. At least one, with a maximum of two Members-at-Large shall be from the East division. The East division shall consist of the Member Societies whose greater portion lies east of the Mississippi River, and shall include Europe. The West division shall consist of the Member Societies whose greater portion lies west of the Mississippi, and shall include Minnesota, Canada and Australia. In the case of dual memberships, a member's Member Society shall be considered to be the Member Society that first received the initial application of the member, unless the member is an officer representing another Member Society.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.

Rationale: The current description of the Member-at-Large East/West divisions is not clear and doesn't account for the international societies.

Proposed Amendment 6:

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates

Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than July fifteenth.	**ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates** The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than ~~July fifteenth.~~ **July first.**	**ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates** The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than July first.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee December 2021.
Rationale: The change from July fifteenth to July first is designed to give the Secretary General more time to calculate a Society's delegate count.

Proposed Amendment 7:

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS, Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment

Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be considered and the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.	**Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment** Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws **or the Society's Charter** must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be considered and the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.	**Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment** Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws or the Society's Charter must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be considered and the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee January 2022.
Rationale: To clarify the notice requirements to amend the Charter.

Proposed Amendment 8:
ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS, Section 2: Vote Required to Amend
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 2: Vote Required to Amend A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment of the Bylaws, such vote to be taken by the Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions.	**Section 2: Vote Required to Amend** A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment of the Bylaws **or the Charter,** such vote to be taken by Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions. **The Member Societies are the General Society's legally qualified voting members for purposes of amending the Bylaws and Charter.**	**Section 2: Vote Required to Amend** A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment of the Bylaws or the Charter, such vote to be taken by Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions. The Member Societies are the General Society's legally qualified voting members for purposes of amending the Bylaws and Charter.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee January 2022.
Rationale: To confirm that the Member Societies are the legally qualified voting members under Massachusetts law.

Proposed Amendments to the Charter

TO BE CONSIDERED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, AT THE MINNESOTA GBOA MEETING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL CONGRESS IN 2023

(Deletions are ~~struck through~~ and additions are **bolded and underlined**).

Proposed Charter Amendment 1: **Section 4: Powers of the Corporation**
Amend by inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
SECTION 4. The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors.	**SECTION 4.** The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors. **No officer or director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as an officer or director notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director (i) for any breach of the officer's or director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit; and provided further that such limitation shall be effective only to the extent that the Corporation's status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Code is not adversely affected thereby. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall adversely affect the rights and protection afforded to an officer or director of the Corporation under this Article for acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The provisions of this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer of the Corporation for any act or omission occurring prior to the date on which this Article became effective.**	**SECTION 4.** The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors. No officer or director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as an officer or director notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director (i) for any breach of the officer's or director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit; and provided further that such limitation shall be effective only to the extent that the Corporation's status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Code is not adversely affected thereby. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall adversely affect the rights and protection afforded to an officer or director of the Corporation under this Article for acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The provisions of this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer of the Corporation for any act or omission occurring prior to the date on which this Article became effective.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee January 2022.
Rationale: Massachusetts law allows non-profit corporations to provide certain legal protections for its officers and directors for the good faith business decisions they make on behalf of the Society if they add such a provision to their Charter. This provision will protect members of the General Board of Assistants who volunteer their time for the Society.

Proposed Charter Amendment 2: **Section 6: Authority to Control Real and Personal Property**
Amend by striking as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
SECTION 6. The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.	**SECTION 6.** The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate ~~**to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars**~~, with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.	**SECTION 6.** The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.

Proposed by: The Executive Committee January 2022.
Rationale: Massachusetts eliminated asset caps for non-profit corporations many years ago, but this amendment conforms to current law and avoids future confusion.

My Pilgrim Story

STEVE ISHAM

Edward Isham moving his family to New Zealand.

At a time when America was incredibly prosperous, it was almost unheard of for an American family to immigrate to Australia. How did some descendants of Mayflower passenger Edward Fuller end up in Australia in the 1950s? In the following article I explain how my family did just that.

THE PLYMOUTH BRETHREN

To explain how my family came to Australia, I need to start with an historical note.

J. N. Darby, an Anglican clergyman, withdrew from the church around 1830 questioning the tenets of the established church, such as ordination by a bishop, a tenet which sounded similar to some Anglicans 200 years earlier. Like the 17th-century Separatists, he wanted to return to the simplicity of the early gathering of Christians recorded in the 1st century narratives of Peter and Paul. Within decades of his influence, there were gatherings in several countries around the world of 'Plymouth Brethren,' so called because they refused to give themselves a name.

My father and his family belonged to one such group in Chicago in the early years of the 20th century. Blessed and happy days filled his early memories, but increasingly the small gathering felt the tyranny and manipulative leadership that had evolved in the wider sect. By mid-20th century, hundreds were leaving the sect, nearly always at the cost of cruel estrangement from friends and other family members.

LEAVING AMERICA IN SEARCH OF FELLOWSHIP

Longing to re-create the fellowship of those early sunny days, my father, the first man named Edward in the twelve generations since the Mayflower passenger Edward, started a wide correspondence with ex-Brethren around the world. In his neat fountain pen 'longhand,' he exchanged letters with kindred spirits in England, Wales, Germany, India, South Africa, and New Zealand.

By the summer of 1958, my father was so drawn to some of these folk, that plans to travel brewed and climaxed one Saturday in an auction of all our household goods on the lawn of our house in Gambier, Ohio. There followed a U-Haul trek across the country with crates and large steamer trunks towed along behind our 1950 Ford.

In San Francisco, the trunks were loaded for the last voyage of the SS *Orcades*, and out under the Golden Gate Bridge we sailed towards our destination of Christchurch, New Zealand. My mother, father, and I, an only child, disembarked twenty-eight days later.

I could imagine a Pilgrim parallel and think of New Zealand as our family's Leiden sojourn. People were good to us, but the fellowship my father hoped to find did not quite materialize, and I suspect my parents did not want me to grow up in what they might have thought of as a place with limited horizons.

Eighteen months later, instead of returning to the United States, my family loaded those trunks on another ship that entered Sydney Harbour in December 1959. I was thirteen years old. Our journey was unusual. There were very few American families back then doing that sort of immigration.

Building home "Barnstable" in Tasmania, Australia.

'BARNSTABLE' BECOMES HOME IN TASMANIA

Within weeks we were in Tasmania where I spent most of my high school years, and it was the state I returned to many years later to build a house and raise a family.

I found myself, with my wife Marion and a small son Luke, back in Tasmania in 1981. It was in the building of our house that I felt particular resonance with the first house builders of Plymouth Colony.

Like many of the Pilgrims, I had no building skills, but friends helped and advised. There is something deliberately rustic and barn-like in the house that was constructed. It has a thick-beamed architectural skeleton and vertical cladding of rough sawn timber supplied by two burly leather-aproned brothers from just down the road, who shepherded great eucalyptus logs along their whirling saw blade in a kind of awesome bush poetry.

Piles of sweet-smelling planks came to our site in a smoke belching old truck. Later we laid infill of mud brick we made on location one wet and unconducive summer, and also built a west facing wall of stone gathered from the paddocks surrounding the house.

My imagination observes my forefather, young Samuel Fuller, and his uncle, building those first shelters in the winter of 1620. And imagination is much enabled by my own untutored labour in making the shelter we enjoy in 2022.

I believe Samuel Fuller built at least two other houses, one in Scituate where he lived with his new bride Jane Lothropp after their wedding, at which the celebrated Miles Standish officiated, and one in Barnstable where Samuel moved his young family in the following decade, and where they lived out the rest of their days.

Samuel is the only Mayflower passenger to live and die in Barnstable. I doubt there are any remnants of Samuel's house left in Barnstable, but his father-in-law's house is still standing and today shelters the Sturgis Library. It's the oldest building in the United States to house a library.

We have called our Tasmanian property Barnstable to honour the memory of those early days. It is in the public record by that name and confirmed by a sign at the gate.

Awards 2022

JANE D. SCHLEINZER

Do you have a member in your Member Society who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for your Society? Are you looking for a way to recognize them? We can help you with that! You can have them recognized at the General Board of Assistants Meeting in September.

I hear you ask: what do I need to do to make this happen? It's very easy. Contact me, Jane D. Schleinzer, Awards Chairman at: JSchleinzer@TheMayflowerSociety.org, with the nominee's name and a short description of how they made a difference in your Society. Please give me the nominee's name as it should appear on their certificate. Only one nominee from each Society will be honored.

You must have your entry to me by July 15, 2022. I am looking forward to reading about your Society's nominee.

In Memoriam

Bruce William Cargill of Falmouth, Maine, passed away on April 13, 2021, at the age of 77. Mr. Cargill served the Maine Society as Captain from 2014-2021. He was a Fuller descendant. Mr. Cargill is survived by a daughter, Rebecca (Justin) Zuill, and grandchildren Savannah Zuill and Own Zuill.

Richard James Damisch of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and formerly of Northbrook, Illinois, passed away on March 4, 2022, at the age of 94. Mr. Damisch served the Illinois Society as Governor from 1983-1986. He was a descendant of Edward Doty and William Brewster. Mr. Damisch is survived by his son, Kent (Kimberly) Damisch; his daughter, Diane (Craig) Miller; his grandchildren, Brian (Catriona) Damisch, Brett (Jill) Damisch, Jessica Miller, Christopher (Elizabeth) Miller, Bridget Damisch, and Timothy Damisch; and his great-granddaughter, Noelle Miller.

Francis Hunt (Percival) Williams of Mesa, Arizona, passed away on February 19, 2022, at the age of 95. Mrs. Williams served the Arizona Society as GSMD Deputy Governor General – Arizona from 2002-2005; GSMD Assistant General – Arizona from 2000-2002; Governor from 2000-2002; and Deputy Governor from 1997-2000. She was a descendant of John Howland and William Brewster. Mrs. Williams is survived by her daughter, Katherine Anne (Blair) Thisted; her son, John Arthur (Annette) Williams II; granddaughters, Erin Romaine, and Jennifer (Scott) Blomquist; grandson, John A. Williams III; great-grandchildren, Hazel Williams, Nicholas Blomquist, Caitlin Blomquist, John A. Williams IV, and John A. Williams V; brother, Bill Percival; and sister, Margo Percival.

Michael Cassat Keleher of Leicester, North Carolina, passed away on March 22, 2022, at the age of 66. Mr. Keleher served the North Carolina Society as GSMD Deputy Governor General – North Carolina from 2017-2020; Governor from 2014-2017; and Governor of the Western Colony from 2010-2014. He was a descendant of John Alden, William Bradford and Thomas Rogers. Mr. Keleher is survived by his wife, Jennifer Keleher, and his son, Michael Francis (Rebekah) Keleher.

Robert Stevens Link of South Portland, Maine, passed away on January 1, 2021, at the age of 82. Mr. Link served the Maine Society as Member-at-Large from 2018-2020; and Captain from 2013-2014. He was a descendant of Stephen Hopkins. Mr. Link is survived by his wife, Virginia B. Link; his sons, Dr. Jeffrey Stevens Link, Gregory Nicholas Link, Dr. Timothy Emerson Link, and Jeremy Richard Link; his granddaughters, Rebecca Grace Link, Jessica Grace Link, Addison Haili Link, and Molly Jean Link; his grandsons, Liam Robert Link and Grady Edward Link; and his brother, Joel Martin Link.

Deborah Ann Yingst of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, passed away on February 19, 2022, at the age of 68. Mrs. Yingst served the New Jersey Society as Governor from 2020-2021; Deputy Governor from 2017-2020; First Colony Governor from 2014-2017; and First Colony Deputy Governor from 2011-2014. She also served as Deputy Governor for the Pennsylvania Society; Governor of the Fuller Society; and Deputy Governor of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society. In 2016, Mrs. Yingst was awarded the General Society's "Governor Generals Distinguished Service Award." She was a descendant of Edward Fuller, Richard Warren, Isaac Allerton and Mary Norris Allerton. Mrs. Yingst is survived by her husband, John R. Yingst; her brothers, John F. Hoffman Jr., and Steven L. Hoffman; and her sisters, Laura J. Hoffman, and Linda S. Hoffman.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants remembers those members who have served on the board of a Member Society or as a General Society officer. If a past or present officer of your Member Society has passed away, please complete the In Memoriam Form located in the Members Area of the GSMD website under Society Resources, and email to Secretary General Meg Averett at the following email address: **SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

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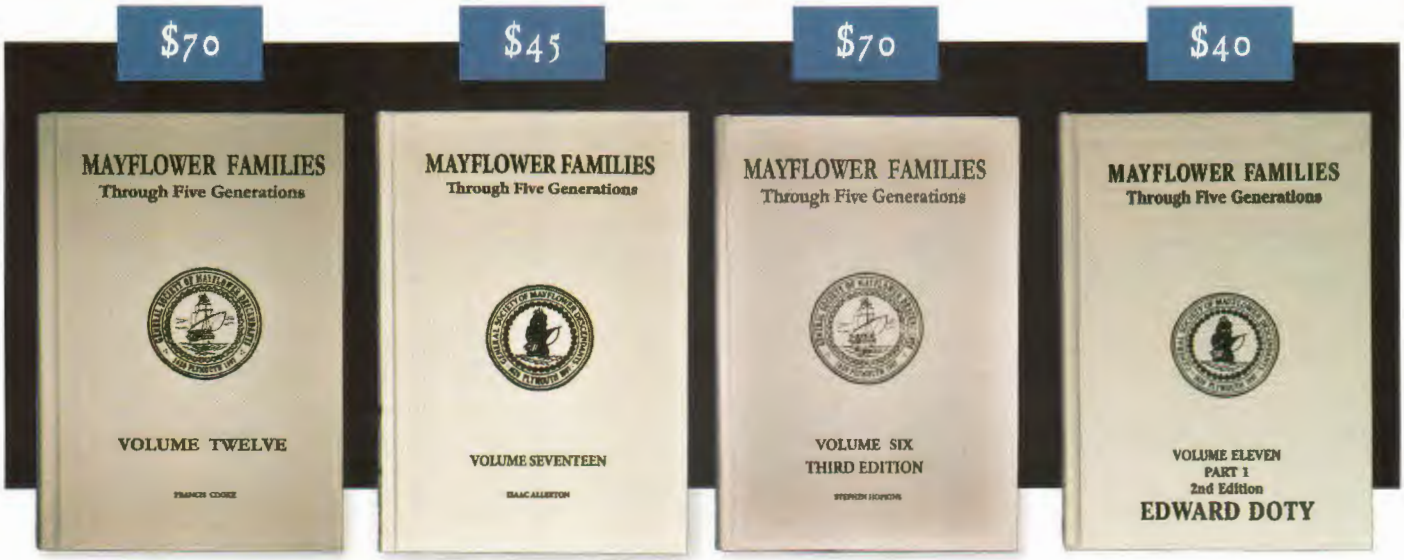

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The Photo Angel Project

KATE KELLEY

Kate Kelley, The Photo Angel.

The Photo Angel Project began with a nondescript pile of photos of non-relatives mixed in with my grandparents' old family pictures. While the photos had labels on them, I still wondered, were they friends, classmates, war buddies, or neighbors? I was determined to find out.

I started poking around genealogy websites and BINGO, I found my answer! I immediately began connecting with relatives of the photographed people. I was hooked!

I love to visit antique stores and thumb through their pictures in my quest to find labeled pictures so that, I might return them to their family members. One woman affectionately dubbed me, "The Photo Angel" which was really sweet. The purpose of this project is to document success stories and inspire others to search their dusty attic boxes for photos with identifiable information and join in the fun!

My paternal grandmother, Hazel (Chapman) Norton, a descendant of Governor William Bradford, introduced me to genealogy as a child. She was a school teacher and a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. My grandmother taught me how to fill out family pedigrees and instilled in me a sense of pride in my ancestors.

Walter Straun, my maternal grandfather, who served in the Pacific Theater during WWII, stressed the importance of preserving oral family histories and labeling photographs. He kept the memories of his ancestors alive by sharing their stories.

For example, my grandfather spoke in great detail of his Civil War ancestor, Private James Straun, who suffered and died at Andersonville Prison Camp in Georgia. Last, but certainly not least, my great-aunt, Genevieve Straun, a school teacher in Connecticut, traveled to England and Germany to learn more about our ancestry and meticulously labeled family heirlooms for posterity. I was so fortunate to have these incredible mentors in my life at such an early age. They planted the seeds which inspired The Photo Angel Project.

My first success story occurred when my mother and I discovered photographs of a Tennessee family. Through the use of a popular genealogy website, I connected with an excited relative who welcomed the photographs, one of which was of his great-grandfather that he had never seen before. The Photo Angel Project was born!

Next, I headed to local antique stores and flea markets to acquire photographs and other pieces of ephemera with identifying information to reunite with family members. The photographs are organized by placing labeled photos in one of the following four categories: "New" (photos to be researched), "Pending" (photos in limbo–I have reached out to possible family members but have not yet heard back), "Challenges" (photos that have not yet been connected with a relative), and of course my personal favorite, "To Be Mailed" (the success stories!).

My greatest challenge is when potential relatives of the photographed do not reply to my messages because they mistakenly believe I am a spammer or a scammer. This is heartbreaking and frustrating because I could be holding a never-before-seen cabinet card of someone's great-grandmother, but the descendant is reluctant to reply to me.

Hand-delivering photos to excited family members is by far the most rewarding part of the project! Although I have sent pictures throughout the United States and internationally, I have had the opportunity to reunite photos with some local folks as well. I was pleasantly surprised to be invited to a family's Thanksgiving dinner to deliver photographs I purchased of their relatives at an antique store in Rhode Island. It was so wonderful to listen to the stories about the people in the photographs and to share the specifics of The Photo Angel Project with these gracious hosts. We enjoyed each other's company so much that they invited me back next year!

A generous couple in Maine donated to The Photo Angel Project some old labeled photographs they found in multiple steamer trunks during a renovation project. Subsequently, some of these photographs were reunited with a Missouri relative who scanned and distributed digital copies to her extended family members. Kindness begets kindness.

The Photo Angel Project returns photos to families free of charge. It brings me great joy to help people piece together their family histories. The success stories are shared in The Photo Angel Facebook group.

MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

CALIFORNIA

The California Society finally returned to "normal" activities after COVID-19 mandates limited our activities for so many months. Most of the counties in the state finally opened up fully the week of March 11th and the bulk of our Colonies have resumed in person meetings.

We wanted to share with you a very interesting documentary that the California Society screened in Southern California, during the Orange County Colony February Meeting on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Produced by Andrew Buckley, the documentary, *Stephano*, has been aired on several PBS channels around the country (Rhode Island PBS, WETA, NHPBS, WCTE and KCET) and presented at a couple Member Societies since it was released last year.

The Orange County Colony hosted the event on behalf of the California Mayflower Society and invited members from the surrounding Colonies in Southern California to attend. Caleb Johnson was also a featured speaker at our meeting and joined Andrew following the screening to answer questions.

The film is about Mayflower passenger, Stephen Hopkins, who seemed to be in every major event from 1607 through 1620. We gained such an appreciation for Mr. Hopkins and how he was providentially often placed in the perfect place at the perfect time. Mr. Hopkin's maturity and wealth of experience he gained from being shipwrecked on Bermuda to his experiences in the failing colony of Jamestown to his return back home to England to find his wife dead and children nearly orphaned are all experiences that would make Mr. Hopkins invaluable to the success of Plymouth Colony, including his support of the Mayflower Compact and, later, of Governor William Bradford.

In ninety minutes, Andrew Buckley took us on journeys from Bermuda to England to New England to show us Stephen Hopkins' life, adventures, and chance meetings with several prominent, historical figures along the way. So impactful was his influence that some believe William Shakespeare may have put him in his famous play called *The Tempest*. Our mouths were watering, as Andrew and his team tried many delectable foods in each location and gushed about how good they were. Andrew Buckley's documentary, *Stephano*, was an awesome hit at our Orange County Colony of Mayflower Descendants Meeting in Southern California in February 2022.

▲ Documentary producer, Andrew Buckley.

INDIANA

Indiana Society Honors Historian

▲ Indiana Historian Dr. Laura Smith.

The Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants (Indiana Society) honored its Historian Dr. Laura Smith with a brick on the Garden Walkway in appreciation for all of her contributions to the Indiana Society, as well as the General Society. A nomination from an appreciative member spurred our Board to honor her. Our Indiana Society enthusiastically agreed that such a distinction was well deserved.

From an early age Dr. Smith was interested in genealogy, and a project in middle school began a life-long quest to document her ancestry. She became a member of the Indiana Society on December 26, 2012, with twelve Mayflower passengers in her lineage. In the spring of 2013, Dr. Smith was elected to the Board of Assistants and became the Indiana

Society Historian later that fall. With her mother Pam as Assistant Historian, Dr. Smith has facilitated approximately 150 Mayflower memberships. She has also served as GSMD Assistant General – Indiana from 2017 to 2020 and is the current GSMD Deputy Governor General - Indiana. In 2019 Dr. Smith became the Indiana Society Deputy Governor and has filled in as the Recording Secretary since the spring of 2020.

In addition, Dr. Smith worked diligently with Past Indiana Society Governor Linda McGlothlin to update Indiana's online database, which includes all of the 1,600 plus Society members since 1916! In 2016, she created a slideshow for the General Board of Assistants Meeting to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Indiana Society. Dr. Smith is a full-time veterinarian at Cityway Animal Clinics in downtown Indianapolis. She is also a member of the First Indiana Company Jamestowne Society, Indiana Pioneers, the National Society Colonial Dames of America, and Daughters of the American Revolution. In her spare time, Dr. Smith enjoys participating in Revolutionary War reenactments.

MAINE

▲ The CSRR Railroad Car, George B. Small.

Recently, the Conway Scenic Railroad (CSRR) in North Conway, New Hampshire, dedicated the Mount Willard Car to George B. Small.

George Small is the husband of Carolyn Small, an active GSMD member from Cumberland Center, Maine. George started working at the CSRR in 1975 on Saturdays with a nudge from Emmons Lancaster. When his sons, Alan and Dan, were old enough, they pitched in and helped too until they started their own families. His daughter Laura also helped for a while. His wife Carolyn worked for a few years during the summer in the gift shop, and, later, with the Polar Express/Journey to the North Pole. CSRR was a family affair.

George kept plugging away working at the railroad on Saturdays, all the while he was running his own residential construction business and Lionel train shop. When George considered retiring from the railroad about twenty years ago, Jordan, Alan's son and George's oldest grandson, began helping George. Now, Jackson, Dan's son, is helping too.

Once George fully retired from his businesses, he started the job as the master carpenter at the railroad three days a week. He also returns on Saturdays with his grandsons.

The dedication by CSRR of the railroad car was a great honor and a complete surprise to him. The car was unveiled by New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu on Sunday, August 29, 2021. Congratulations to George and may he have many more happy days volunteering with the Conway Scenic Railroad.

▲ Dr. Carla Rigby.

Maine Society Governor Dr. Carla Rigby was recently honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from The Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration.

The certificate reads:

Carla Colleen Kugler Rigby

On behalf of a grateful Nation and the staff of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, thank you for your personal efforts and tireless devotion in thanking and honoring our Nation's Vietnam Veterans and their families. Your passion, energy and dedication are evident in the work you have done on behalf of the Nation and your state to recognize these patriots' service and sacrifice. You may never know the true impact you have made on these veterans and their families, but as a representative of a grateful nation, you have made a significant difference in each of their lives through your memorable events. Thank you for being a true example of what it means to be a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution by promoting patriotism, conducting community service and educating others on the legacy of the honor, service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans and their families. Done this first day of June 2021.

Signed Major General Peter M. Aylward, U.S. Army (Retired). Director, The USA Vietnam War Commemoration

Every year on March 29, Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day, Carla organizes a ceremony at the town square in York, Maine, to honor Vietnam Veterans. I have witnessed the gratitude Carla offers to the Vietnam Veterans and the appreciation those veterans show her in return.

OHIO

On Compact Day, November 14, 2021, the Western Reserve Colony awarded its second ever Distinguished Descendant Award to Ann Gulbransen, an Ohio Society member since 2006. Ms. Gulbransen is a proven descendant of Stephen Hopkins, Edward Fuller, and William Brewster.

Ann Gulbransen accepting the Distinguished Descendant Award.

The Distinguished Descendant Award is not an annual award: it requires outstanding contributions to the field of genealogy over a period of time and in a variety of ways. Ms. Gulbransen has served the Western Reserve Colony and the Ohio Society with boundless energy, enthusiasm and dedication non-stop from the day she became a member. She has a passion for Mayflower history, encourages others to share in this passion, and supports and respects authentic requirements of the Mayflower Society. She has served the Western Reserve Colony as past Corresponding Secretary and is currently serving as Treasurer.

Ms. Gulbransen has served the Ohio Society as Historian since 2007, including creating a new member booklet. She has been the *Buckeye Mayflower* newsletter editor since before 2014. She coordinates and tracks the Ohio Society (and individual Colony) donations of books to genealogical libraries around the state, keeping a record of which libraries have which books and knowing where future donations are needed and would be welcomed.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Pennsylvania gathered in person for the first time since the fall of 2019, on Saturday, March 26, 2022. We came together at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, Pennsylvania, for our Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Governor General Jane Hurt was our honored guest and speaker.

Governor Kneale presents General Governor Hurt with the Katharine F. Little Destinguished Mayflower Award.

The Pennsylvania Society held a brief business meeting with reports on the state of the Society given by Governor Reed Kneale, Treasurer Scott Bond, and Lead Co-Historian Ginny Fossa. The new slate of officers and Board of Assistants were called forward by Secretary Laura Tyndall and Governor General Hurt to take the oath of office for the upcoming year.

Governor Kneale honored Governor General Jane Hurt with the *Katharine F. Little Distinguished Mayflower Award.* The *Katharine F. Little Award* is a national award given to individuals who are not members of the Pennsylvania Society to recognize their meritorious work in enhancing understanding of the Pilgrims and Pilgrim's contributions to the American life. Also, the *John M. Hunt Jr. Most Distinguished Pilgrim Award* recipients of 2019 to 2021 were recognized and presented with their plaques. The award is given to Pennsylvania Society members for their exceptional service to the Pennsylvania Society. Our honored members are Treasurer Scott Bond (2019), Secretary Laura Tyndall (2020), and Lead Co-Historian Ginny Fossa (2021). Congratulations to all the award winners!

Governor General Hurt presented a PowerPoint program on the current state of the GSMD, the Mayflower Society House, the Meetinghouse, and the Mayflower Research Library with progress reports on repairs and renovations completed and those still in the process. The year 2022 is the 125th Anniversary of GSMD; and Governor Hurt reminded us with a call to service, there are many ways we can celebrate and honor our pilgrim ancestors. She suggested joining the Mayflower Guard, volunteering time to help with the properties, donating to the scholarship fund, or donating your time and talents to GSMD or the Pennsylvania Society.

All enjoyed a delicious meal and a time of fellowship. Members expressed how wonderful it felt to be back together again. We are looking forward to many in person activities for the upcoming year, including a Colony Picnic, some Junior activities, and appearances at fairs and festivals. There is even a Major League Baseball game at PNC Park for our two colonies to attend. They will cheer on the Phillies (Susquehanna Colony) and the Pirates (Western Colony).

TEXAS

Texas Society Honors Lisa Pennington

Lisa Pennington with Award.

The Texas Mayflower Society anxiously anticipates presentation of the Annual Award for Long and Distinguished Service in The Mayflower Society. The recipients have devotedly served our societies in various capacities. Lisa Pennington was announced as the recipient of this esteemed award during the banquet of the April 1-2, 2022, Texas Society meeting in San Antonio.

An avid genealogist and historian, Ms. Pennington has served as Counsellor and Elder in the Texas Mayflower Society. As a Houston Colony member, she served as Governor, Treasurer, and Captain. She has also served as Governor and Deputy Governor of the Pilgrim Isaac Allerton Society. While serving as GSMD Member-at-Large-West, she spoke to many Member Societies in the western part of the United States. In 2019, Ms. Pennington initiated a series of popular monthly virtual lectures for GSMD, hosting one of the lectures, while continuing to research and present many PowerPoint lectures. Ms. Pennington serves on the board of the historic Mayflower Meetinghouse in Plymouth and currently serves the GSMD as Counsellor General.

The Texas Mayflower Society appreciates Lisa's dedication and service to our societies.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Hosts Caleb Johnson for Compact Day 2021

Caleb Johnson presenting program to Wisconsin Society.

The Wisconsin Society held their Compact Day on November 13, 2021. Caleb Johnson, Mayflower historian and author, gave a multi-media presentation covering his 2015 England trip researching the roots of some of the Mayflower passengers.

Notably, it was interesting seeing pictures of and hearing about his adventures researching 16th- and 17th-century Howland records, touring the church where William Bradford was baptized (including seeing/touching the baptismal font from that time), the Scrooby church, and visiting the childhood home of Priscilla Mullins. The Mullins property is now divided into three rental units, but he was able to tour one of them that was vacant.

He also shared with us some excerpts from the *Brewster Book Manuscript*. This is a journal started by William Brewster that was handed down through the Brewster family into the 19th century that contains not only genealogical information, but letters to and from residents in Virginia Colony; information useful in preparing to sail over from England, such as a list of provisions needed; and instructions on transporting people and livestock. A most informative event was enjoyed by all.

Junior Member Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Matthew Reiter, a Junior Member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey, recently earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. This award confirms Matthew is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Matthew is the son of Peter and Jill Reiter.

Matthew's Eagle Scout Project was an ecological restoration of the Blue Trail in Crystal Lake Park in Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey.

The Blue Trail is considered a wetlands environment. Because the trail is low lying and made of clay, areas of the trail suffer from poor drainage. When it rains, water pools and forces hikers to create informal (man-made) trails around the flooded area damaging many different kinds of plant life, along the trail, some of which are rare.

Matthew's project involved building a boardwalk over the flooded area to keep foot traffic on the trail, when it is under water. After the boardwalk was completed, the informal trails were removed by planting native wetlands plants over the informal trail, returning the wetlands area to its natural state and also preserving the native plant life in the area. The boardwalk will also keep people from walking through the muddy trail, consequently stabilizing the soil and ending erosion.

Congratulations to Matthew Reiter!

The Tangled Tale of the "Brewster Teapot"

PEGGY M. BAKER, LIFE MEMBER,
MASSACHUSETTS MAYFLOWER SOCIETY

The *piece de resistance* of the "Baker Family Collection of Pilgrim-Related Miscellany" is a beautifully made Wedgwood ceramic tea set, decorated with deep pink scattered roses, and pink and gilt borders.

As lovely and elegant as it is, the real interest comes when the teapot is turned over. On the base is written

THE ELDER BREWSTER TEA POT
The original was brought to
AMERICA in ye MAYFLOWER AD 1620
And has been exactly copied and Reproduced By
RICHARD BRIGGS BOSTON
From ye Ceramic Collection Of Govr Lyon 1871.

But was the original teapot really on the *Mayflower*? Therein lies a tangled tale.

In order to tell that tale, I must begin with a disclaimer, inspired by the opening lines of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*:

There is no doubt that Elder William Brewster did NOT drink tea and he did NOT bring a teapot with him on the *Mayflower*. This must be distinctly understood, or nothing wonderful can come of the story I am going to relate.

The original Brewster teapot was, in fact, an elegant, beautiful, tasteful fake. Or, to think more kindly of our 19th-century predecessors, an example of wishful thinking. We can only hope that Wedgwood, who produced the teapot; Richard Briggs, who commissioned the teapot; and Governor Lyon, who owned the original teapot, actually believed the claimed provenance and were motivated, not simply by profit, but by a sincere desire to connect with America's founding moment.

The teapot poses so many questions! Who was Governor Lyon? Who was Richard Briggs? Why, in

▲ The Brewster Teapot.

▲ Base of the Brewster Tea Pot, with attribution.

1871, was Richard Briggs marketing a reproduction of this supposed Mayflower relic? First, though, to begin to solve the puzzle of the teapot, the most basic questions must be asked. Why are we so sure that the teapot is not genuine and that the story told on its base is not historically accurate?

The answer is that tea would not have been a beverage available to the Mayflower passengers.

Tea was known (although not actually imbibed) in Europe by the second half of the 16th century. News of tea came through travelers and explorers. In 1625, for example, Samuel Purchas published a book titled *Hakluytus Posthumus or Purchas His Pilgrimes*, based on Richard Hakluyt's accounts of English exploration. Purchas included a reference, dated 1579, to a beverage called "Cia" [probably pronounced "Chee" or "Chee-a"]:

"They gather the leaves in the Spring, and dry them in the shadow, and keepe it for daily decoction, using it at meates, and as often as any guest comes to their house, yea twice or thrice, if hee make any tarrying. They sup it hot, bitterish to the palate but wholesome ... the Chinois put the leaves themselves into the hot water, which they drinke, leaving the leaves behind."[1]

The first Europeans to drink tea seem to have been the Dutch, beginning in the 1630s. By the late 1650s, tea was being introduced in England where it was added to the offerings of the London coffee houses (which themselves did not begin until 1652; before then, coffee was regarded as medicinal). On 25 September 1660, the English diarist Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) wrote, "I did send for a cup of tee (a China drink) of which I never had drank before."

That same year, 1660, the East India Company formally presented two pounds, two ounces, of tea leaves to King Charles II, as a most valuable gift.[2]

Tea first appeared in New England in 1690 when two Boston dealers, Benjamin Harris and Daniel Vernon, took out licenses for its sale, as required by English law. Nineteen years later, in April 1709, Judge Samuel Sewall of Salem and Boston noted in his diary, as a matter of course and no great surprise, that he drank tea at Mrs. Winthrop's.[3]

By 1773, tea was so popular in America that its taxation by British authorities provoked the Boston Tea Party. Other American cities and towns hosted their own tea parties in 1773 and 1774. After that, patriotic colonists boycotted tea – but not forever! At the end of the Revolutionary War, Americans began once again to drink tea. First, it was imported through the British East India Company, and then through American clipper ships, swift, three-masted full-rigged vessels commissioned specifically for the China trade. The profits to be made encouraged the expansion of the Asian tea fields. By the time of the "Brewster Teapot" in 1871, tea was being grown not only in China and Japan, but also in Java, Sumatra and India.

Why, then, if there was no tea and therefore no teapot on the *Mayflower*, does the Brewster teapot make that specific claim? The clue lies in the year "1871." That year saw the beginning of the build-up to the year 1876 and the Centennial of the American Revolution. And momentous it was! After the International Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia opened, thousands visited it every day. The centennial was a celebration of American ingenuity, energy, and prosperity.

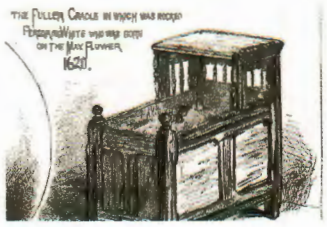
The 1870s also ushered in a time of national remembrance, with Americans looking to their past for two purposes. The first was congratulatory and patriotic, celebrating just how far America had come in terms of industry and the arts. The other purpose was "psychological comfort." The perceived squalor of the industrialized cities and the rawness of the Western frontier, together with an economic depression, scandals both business and political, and social stress caused by radical new ideas (some women actually wanted to vote!), had created an unsettling sense of uncertainty. In contrast, America's more agrarian past seemed stable and family based, centered on what Victorians called the "domestic hearth" and enduring moral values. That idealized past was, thanks to authors such as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, often seen as specifically "New England."

One of the centerpieces of the Centennial Exhibition was a "New England Farmer's Home and Modern Kitchen." And, even though the major emphasis of the Centennial was the American Revolution, a unifying event for a country that had been badly divided during the Civil War of the 1860s, the Pilgrims were represented in that 1776 kitchen.

On display was a version of the Pilgrim-era "Fuller cradle" and a small desk supposedly (but decidedly not) brought to America on the *Mayflower* by John Alden.

Of course, there was also an actual kitchen. Among other "old-fashioned" items hanging in the fireplace was a tea kettle, a symbol not only of domesticity, but also of the country's dominant British past.

Americans were not only looking to that past during the build-up to the Centennial, they also wanted to own a piece of it. A new form of entertainment was born, one that is still in vogue today – the great antique hunt. This new passion resulted in attics and barns across New England being emptied for the edification of the public (and the profit of New Englanders). So was also born the "Colonial Revival style," based on a nostalgic and romantic view of America's colonial traditions in both architecture and interior decoration.



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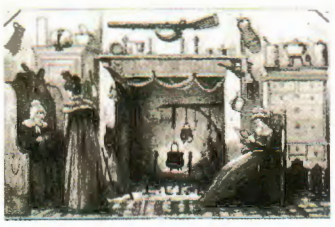

▲ The New England Kitchen" at the Philadelphia Centennial, *Harper's Weekly* 15 July 1876. From the author's collection.

Within this larger tradition, the Wedgwood "Brewster Teapot" holds a special place. The teapot, with its accompanying cups and saucers, is one of the earliest pieces of "Colonial Revival" household décor. It not only harkened back to an idealized vision of early New England but also, by explicitly stating its *Mayflower* connections, linked itself to its quintessential ancestors, the Pilgrims, and to a specific and respected member of that small band.

In one sense, the Wedgwood "Brewster Teapot" was also a souvenir, meant to remind its owner of a particular place and time, even if a place and time visited only through imagination. The teapot distinguished itself further, however, by claiming to have been "exactly copied and reproduced." It was, in other words, crafted and sold on the basis of being a replica of an authentic, provenanced historical artifact. The original artifact, in this case, is said to be a teapot owned by a Governor Lyon. Who was this man of mystery? Maybe the governor of a New England state? Perhaps a Mayflower descendant?

Neither of the above! Caleb Lyon, of Scottish ancestry on his father's side and French descent on his mother's, served a two-year term, between 1864 and 1866, as the appointed governor of the Territory of Idaho.

Caleb had been born in the New York village of Lyondale (founded by his father), and attended school both there and in Montreal, before graduating from Norwich University in Vermont in 1841. After a brief stay in California during the Gold Rush, he returned to New York where he was elected to the State Assembly in 1850, the State Senate in 1851, and then to the 33rd U.S. Congress in March of 1853. Despite his political activities, Lyon was better known for his speeches on topics of literary, artistic and historical interest – delivered while wearing a velvet coat and red cravat. After the expiration of his Congressional term in 1855, he took an extended tour of Europe and the Middle East, returning home with numerous souvenirs and adding tales of his exotic travels to his popular lectures. Caleb was a memorable character and his neighbors and constituents in Lewis County, New York, remembered him as a man

"...of decided but erratic genius, and of a certain kind of talent that few men possess; but he was lacking in stability of purpose, and did not meet the expectations of his friends ... he was never chosen a second time to the same office."[5]

Then, in 1864, in a purely political appointment, Abraham Lincoln appointed Caleb Lyon to a two-year term as governor of Idaho.

Caleb and Idaho were not the best of fits. The frontiersmen of Idaho came as a shock to the flamboyant and sophisticated Caleb. Caleb seems to have been an equal shock to the hard-working and hard-living miners of Idaho. Due to Caleb's habit of signing his name in full as "Caleb Lyon of Lyondale," he became known in Idaho as "Cale of the Dale," in a surprisingly gentle mockery of his grandiose style. In 1914, a number of years after Lyon had left Idaho, an Idaho historian wrote:

▲ Caleb Lyon, 1855-1865. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Brady-Handy Collection.

"Despite his idiosyncrasies, Governor Lyon had many good qualities and considerable abilities. The people of the territory were rather fond of him, although they laughed at his messages and were generally more amused than instructed by his ideas."[6]

It was only in retrospect, however, that the Governor received such kindly reviews. In his own time, he was a subject of intense controversy.

Caleb became embroiled immediately upon his arrival in the Idaho Territory by signing off on legislation moving the capital from Lewiston to Boise. Forced to leave town in a hurry, he scooted back to Washington, D.C., where he remained for almost a year. He did eventually return to Idaho to finish out his two-year term. At the end of his term, he was accused of leaving the territory with some $46,000 in government funds. Lyon claimed the money had been stolen from under his pillow while he was traveling overnight on the train.[7]

We do not know if Caleb Lyon purchased his "Brewster Teapot" before or after his short stint as governor. Sometime before 1871, however, Caleb "discovered" the teapot and added it to his collection of curios. According to tradition, as related by Alice Morse Earle, he purchased the teapot "from an old lady in Vermont, but only after repeated visits, much cajolery, many rebuffs, and a very stiff purchase sum."[8]

Lyon's new acquisition then somehow came to the attention of Richard Briggs of Boston. Briggs was the owner of the company that commissioned the reproduction of the "Brewster Teapot" from Wedgwood & Sons.

The Briggs family, with a showroom on Boston's Washington Street, had been selling dishware since 1798. By the time Richard became head of

the company in 1861, the firm had established its reputation as the city's leading source for high quality china. Briggs catered to Boston's elite, numbering among its customers such luminaries as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Charles Sumner as well as the quieter members of Boston's oldest families. As characterized by Regina Lee Blaszczyk,

"By the last quarter of the century, people with class and people who aspired to class flocked to Briggs China & Glass Warehouse. By tradition, members of "old Boston families" knew that Briggs respected the status quo, with its hierarchies of rank and aesthetics... To the empowered, Briggs offered a place for indulgence. To social climbers, his shop played a different role, providing an education in "good taste" – what it was and who had it."[9]

Briggs travelled to Europe every year, choosing the most tasteful porcelain and glassware for sale in his Boston showroom. On one of those trips, he arranged with Wedgwood to reproduce the "Brewster Teapot," largely for the benefit of Briggs and his American audience. The teapot was a classic Briggs item. It appealed to New England's unique and prestigious heritage while, at the same time, utilizing the skill (and reputation) of the most high-status British ceramic maker of all.

It is in the physical characteristics of the teapot itself, minus any historical attribution, that we find final confirmation of the teapot's age (or lack thereof).

The earliest teapots used in Europe, those of the 17th century, were imported from China and were globular (not cylindrical like the "Brewster Teapot") and made from hard-paste porcelain or redware. Europeans didn't learn to make fine redware or hard-paste porcelain until the 1680s or 1690s.

The shape of the "Brewster Teapot," round with straight sides and sometimes referred to as "drum shape," was not used for teapots until the mid-18th century, when it was described as "Neoclassical." It is found in both European-made and Chinese export teapots.

The shape was seen more frequently after 1775, when Wedgwood began to produce blue jasperware.

Sometime after the Bicentennial, the term "Brewster Teapot" began to be used as a generic term for the "drum shape." Teapots can now be found online, described as, for instance, "Excellent Wedgwood Dark Blue Dip Jasperware Brewster Teapot c.1924 Neoclassical,"[10] in a remarkable tangle of the 21st century (auction), 1924 (this teapot's production date), 1871 (when the actual "Brewster Teapot" was made), the mid-1700s ("Neoclassical" shape), and 1620 (the specific date that inspired the production of the "Brewster Teapot").

As for the original Brewster Teapot, so proudly owned by Governor Caleb Lyon – where is it today? After Caleb's death in 1875, his possessions were sold at auction. Two separate auctions of his collections were held. The first, restricted to his ceramic collection, was held in 1876; the second, which included not only porcelain but also art and furniture, was held in 1882. At one of these auctions, the "Brewster Teapot" was purchased by persons unknown for the low price of $45; Alice Morse Earle, in her 1892 book, said that she had personally seen it on a mantelpiece in a New Bedford home .... but named no names. And thereafter? It simply vanishes from history.[11]

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After the Mayflower: Part Two – The Perils of the *Paragon*

BECKET SOULE

When the *Fortune* finally returned to England in February 1621/22, it became obvious to the Merchant Adventurers that a regular series of voyages was going to be necessary, bringing further settlers to Plymouth as well as necessary supplies, and returning with furs, lumber, and other products that could be sold to pay off the colony's indebtedness. It was also clear that ships were needed, either purchased or constructed in England, which could remain in the New World so that larger cargoes could travel up and down the coast, and activities such as fishing could take place on a larger scale than was possible with the limited resources the colony had at that time. Captain John Smith soberly noted that the Pilgrims "lived for two years without supply."[1] Several ships were sent to New England in 1622, but these carried colonists destined for another colony.[2] This second look at voyages "After the *Mayflower*" will focus on one ship which never actually made it to New England: the *Paragon*.

FIRST VOYAGE OF THE *PARAGON*

Captain John Smith recorded that, "to supply them at Plymouth, this 16 October [1622] is going the Paragon with sixty-seven persons and all this is done by private men's purses," describing the many advantages to be obtained in New England and the efforts of the Dutch and French.[3] He concluded "were it not for Mr. Peirce and a few private adventurers with him, what have we there for all these inducements?"[4]

The ship *Paragon* set out from London with sixty-seven passengers and thirty-eight tonnes of goods. The passengers came out by "private men's purses," i.e., they paid their own way rather than being bankrolled by the Merchant Adventurers, as the first *Mayflower* and the *Fortune* had been.[5] The *Paragon* began to leak before it even left the Thames: despite the leak the travelers continued sailing as far as the Downs on England's southeast coast where, in rising winds, they attempted to anchor in shelter to ride out the storm. Despite this precaution the ship suffered so much damage that they decided to return to London where it would cost £100 and six to seven weeks of time to repair the damage.

The captain of the *Paragon* was William Peirce (1591 -1641), who, in the early history of the colonies, crossed the Atlantic more times than any other Captain, principally bringing settlers to the New World. He was on close terms with all the leading colonists, and was a warm friend of Winslow and Bradford; he had homes in London, the Bahamas, and Boston. It has not been established whether he was the brother of John Peirce, of "Peirce Patent" fame.

The Merchant Adventurers wrote to William Bradford, in a letter dated 21 December 1621: "As your sorrows and afflictions have been great, so our crosses and interceptions in our proceedings here have not been small. For after we had with much trouble and change sent the Paragon away to sea, and thought all pain past, within fourteen days after she came again hither, being dangerously leaked and bruised with tempestuous storms, so as she was fain to be had into the dock, and an £100 bestowed upon her.[6] All the passengers lying upon our charge for six or seven weeks, and much discontent and distemper was occasioned hereby, so as some dangerous event had like to ensued. But we trust all shall be well and work for the best and your benefit, if yet with patience you can wait, but have strength to hold in life. Whilst these things were doing, Mr. Weston's ship[7] came and brought divers letters from you, etc. It rejoiceth us much to hear of those good reports that divers have brought home from you, etc.[8] So far of this letter."[9]

Bradford comments: "This ship was bought by Mr. John Peirce, and set out at his own charge upon hope of good matters. These passengers and the goods the company sent in her he took in for freight, for which they agreed with him to be delivered here. This was he in whose name their first patent was taken by reason of acquaintance and some alliance that some of their friends had with him. But his name was only used in trust. But when he saw they were here hopefully thus seated, and by the success God gave them had obtained the favour of the Council of New England, he goes and sues to them for another patent of much larger extent, which was easily obtained. But he meant to keep it to himself and allow them what he pleased to hold of him as tenants, and sue to his courts as chief Lord."

Bradford's statement concerning Peirce's reason for sending out the ship, because "he saw they were hopefully thus seated," does not tally with the account of their failures, crosses, losses and starvation

given by Bradford himself, by Winslow, and by these Adventurers. It is quite as doubtful whether the plantation had by this time "obtained the favour of the Council of New England," for there is no evidence that they had any communications with that body prior to the sailing of the *Paragon*.

While in London, attempting to offset the unforeseen extra expenses, Peirce took on more passengers. In January 1622/23, the *Paragon* departed London with 109 passengers. The larger number of passengers, paying their own way, would clearly have offset the losses from the *Paragon*'s disastrous first voyage. Bradford informs us that when the ship was again fitted out "he pesters himself and takes on more passengers and those not very good to help him to bear his losses."[10] Peirce's plan to offset his losses accounts for the increase in the number on board on their second attempt.

SECOND VOYAGE OF THE *PARAGON*

Bradford provided a graphic account of the second, mid-winter voyage: "This ship suffered the greatest extremity at sea at her second return, that one shall lightly hear of, to be saved; as I have been informed by Mr. William Peirce who was then master of her and many others that were passengers in her. It was about the middle of February. The storm was for the most part of 14 days but for two or three days and nights together in most violent extremity. After they had cut down their mast the storm beat off their round house and all their upper works; three men had work enough at the helm, and he that conned the ship before the sea, was fain to be bound fast for washing away; the seas did so over-rake them, as many times those upon the deck knew not whether they were within board or without; and once she was so foundered in the sea as they all thought she would never rise again. But yet the Lord preserved them, and brought them at last safe to Portsmouth, to the wonder of all men that saw in what a case she was in, and heard what they had endured."[11]

From this account we learn that William Peirce was the master of the *Paragon* and that he impressed upon the Planters the seriousness of the damage, the necessity for cutting away the mast, and the injury sustained. He made the voyage to New England very many times and won the approbation of Bradford because he treated their passengers well and dealt very honestly with them, and on another occasion he says that William Peirce was skilful and diligent in his business and was a "very honest man whose employment may do us much good."[12] Peirce must have been undeterred by his experiences on the *Paragon* as he crossed as master of the *Anne* which reached Plymouth about the end of July – the first vessel sent out by the Adventurers after the *Paragon*. William Peirce long continued his voyages and was killed by Spaniards in 1641, while he was taking supplies to the unfortunate residents on New Providence Island in the Bahamas.

The chief of the Adventurers, presumably Cushman, on 9 April 1623, reported to the Planters this event: "When I wrote in December I little thought to have seen Mr. John Peirce till he had brought some good tidings from you. But it pleased God, he brought us the woeful tidings of his return when he was halfway over by extreme tempest, wherein the goodness and mercy of God appeared in sparing their lives, being 109 souls. The loss is great to Mr. Peirce, etc. and the company put upon so great charge, as verily, etc."[13]

Although the Lord in his mercy preserved John Peirce and his fellow passengers, bringing them safe to Portsmouth after their encounter with the angry waves, the Adventurers had no mercy, requiring the uttermost farthing that they had expended regardless of the great loss inflicted by the "aunresistible power of God;" yet most of the passengers preserved through such great perils, and themselves deprived of their personal possessions, probably had compassion upon him.

JOHN PEIRCE'S TROUBLES

On receiving the message that Peirce sent from Portsmouth informing the Adventurers of his troubles, experiences and losses, they were "so far from commiseration and performing their promise in bearing all losses accrueing by the said voyage as that they endeavored to their utmost his utter ruin and overthrow, for presuming Peirce had disbursed more than his whole estate about that cross voyage as also understanding his great dejection in respect of the hand of God upon his good endeavours, they took their opportunity and sent four of their number to Portsmouth with certain new propositions which no way concerned Peirce's first grounds and terms upon which he went save only one which was that he would prosecute his voyage with all speed and to that end they enjoined Peirce to fit himself and his ship within fourteen days at the furthest – [the previous refitting had taken six or seven weeks and the damage was more serious this time] – notwithstanding they saw his late Majesty had pressed at that time and in that place all the carpenters in the country to fit out certain ships to send to his Majesty that now is who was then in Spain – [these are the words used by Peirce in 1627] – and withal James Sherley and John Pocock and one Christopher Coulson, William Collier, John Thornhill and Robert Keayne, being Adventurers and Assistants, sent down a writ out of the Court of Admiralty to arrest Peirce, his ship and goods, without any just or reasonable cause, upon an action of six hundred pounds if he should refuse to submit to their new propositions, they well

knowing Peirce in that place to be a mere stranger and therefore not able to put in bail and consequently of force must submit to whatsoever they propounded, unto which propositions for peace sake Peirce condescended as far as possibly he could. But not punctually yielding, they arrested Peirce, his ship and goods without any just cause of suit in that behalf,[14] but the said four messengers well perceiving the discreetest sort of passengers took knowledge of their bitter and harsh dealing with Peirce, with much importunity at last they were contented that if his brother, Richard Peirce, would engage himself in six hundred pounds, that John Peirce should go safe prisoner to London and there submit himself to prison at demand they would accept his security instead of bail, and accordingly Peirce's brother did engage himself for Peirce, he, John, agreeing, undertaking, and promising in consideration thereof to free and save harmless his brother touching the same."[15]

Admiralty Court records on the *Paragon* show testimony by Thomas Hewes that it was struck by a great storm on 8 February 1622/23 near "the Western Isles" on a voyage from London to New England. The ship's boat was lost, much damage was suffered, and much of the cargo was washed overboard. Captain John Smith has the last word: "And more to our sorrow, we heard of the twice return of the *Paragon* that now the third time was sent us three months ago, but no newes of her: only the signs of a wrecke we saw on the Coast which we judged her. This caused not every of us to enter into a private consideration betwixt God and our consciences, but most solemnly to humble our selves before the Lord by fasting and praying, to relieve our dejected spirits by the comforts of his mercy."[16]

By this time, Bradford was writing about lack of food: "When I think how sadly the scripture speaks of the famine in Jacob's time, when he said to his sons, go buy us food, that we may live and not die, Gen. 42:2. and 43:1, that the famine was great, or heavy in the land; and yet they had such great herds, and store of cattle of sundry kinds, which, besides flesh, must needs produce other food, as milk, butter and cheese, etc., and yet it was counted a sore affliction; theirs here must needs be very great, therefore, who not only wanted the staff of bread, but all these things, and had no Egypt to go too. But God fed them out of the sea for the most part, so wonderful is his providence over his in all ages; 'for his mercy endureth forever' [Psalm 136:1]."[17]

PASSENGERS ON THE *PARAGON*

No passenger list for either futile voyage of the *Paragon* exists. The captain, William Peirce, is well established. The Records of the Council for New England, in an entry under 5 May 1623, record that "Mr. Hopkins allegeth that he hath paid to Mr. Peirce for transportation of himself and two persons more and likewise for his goods, which Peirce acknowledgeth, but allegeth that by reason of his unfortunate return, the rest of the passengers that went upon the like conditions have been contented to allow unto 40s a person towards his loss and therefore desireth Master Hopkins to do the like, which Mr. Hopkins at length agreed unto."[18] This Hopkins is identified as the brother of Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins.[19] Not long after the *Paragon* limped back to England in 1623, the *Anne* and the *Little James* set out for Plymouth, and, through comparing the land division of 1623 which functions as something of a census for the Plymouth Colony, we are able to determine many of the passengers of the latter two ships. It is assumed, not unreasonably, that some of the passengers on the *Anne* and the *Little James* may previously have been on board the *Paragon*, finally arriving on the latter ships. While there are modern suggestions that Elizabeth (Walker) Warren and her five daughters were on the *Paragon*, I have found no contemporary (seventeenth century) source which corroborates this suggestion. If true, however, it would point to the strongest possible will for these stout women: originally on the *Mayflower*, but removed when the *Speedwell* was abandoned to provide room for other travellers; possibly on one or both of the *Paragon*'s attempts; and finally on the *Anne*. Third time's a charm.

The possibility that the women finally made a successful trip on the *Anne* also speaks to the importance of contingency in history. Given the high mortality during the first winter in Plymouth, particularly among women, it is entirely possible, and even likely, that Elizabeth and her daughters would have died during that terrible winter if they had come – so their delay may have saved their lives, and those of thousands of their descendants.

This series concludes in the next issue with a look at the ships of 1623, the *Anne* and the *Little James*.

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2. Principally Thomas Weston's ill-fated Wessagusset attempt near modern Weymouth.

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5. This was not viewed with complete favour by the colonists, because those who had no indebtedness to the Merchant Adventurers would also have no incentive to pay off the colony's debt, and would also have no obligation to remain in the colony, to contribute to the colony's growth, or be bound by the decisions of the other settlers.

6. Neither Bradford not any of the other sources state by whom this was paid.

7. The *Charity*, which sailed for England about 1 October 1622.

8. Unfortunately, Bradford adopts his favourite method of covering by "etc." what he did not care to record for one reason or another, frequently excluding information of vital importance to the understanding of the situation.

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13. Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Morison ed.), 125.

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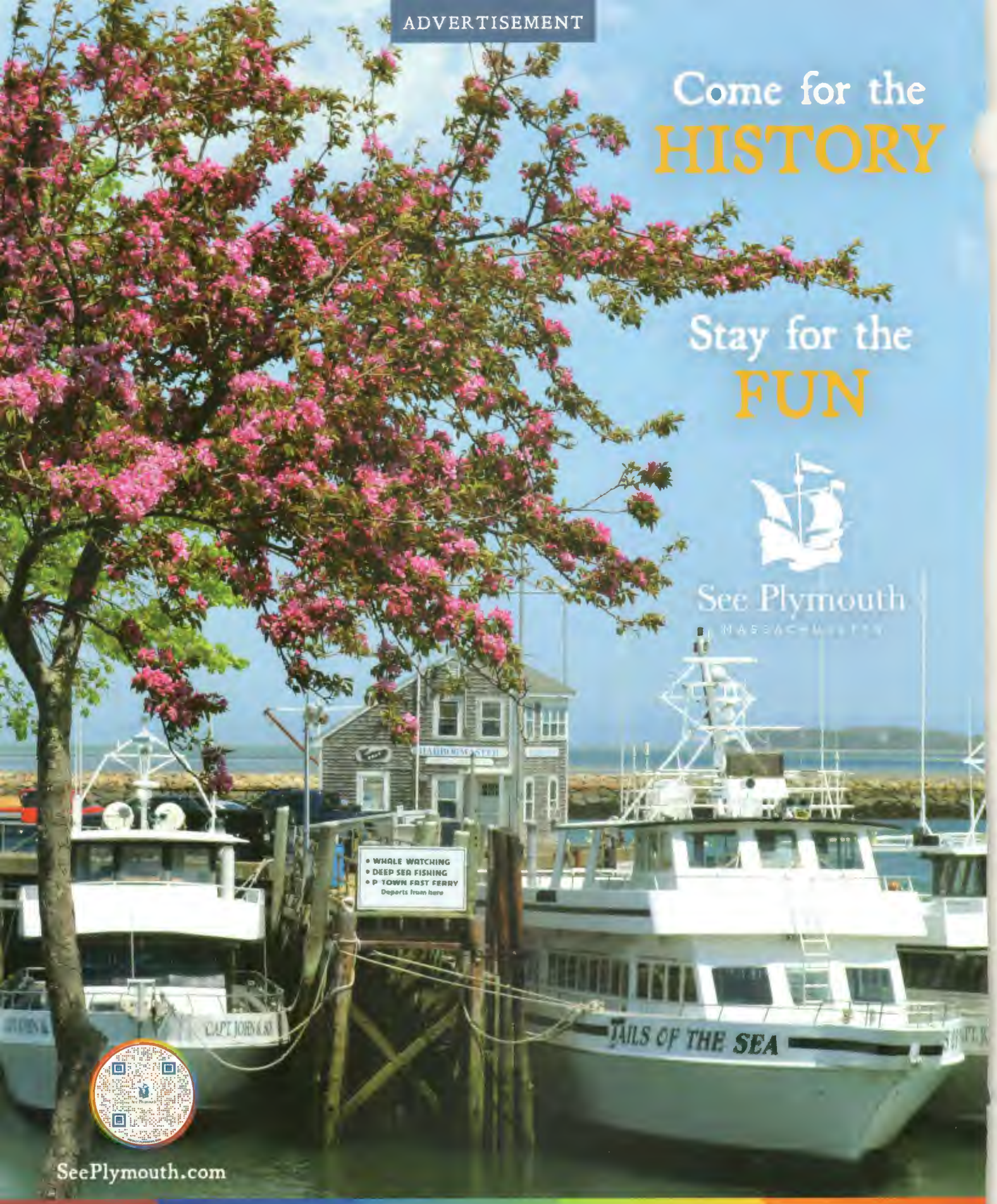

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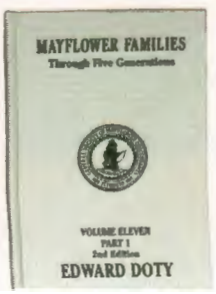
Eligibility: National Officers including Deputy Governors General, Assistants General and those appointed to National GSMD Committees. The above offices and committee title bars will go on this medal. You may also attach the Mayflower Meetinghouse and Mayflower Guard Bars on this medal.

3. Mayflower Meetinghouse Bar

The curved Mayflower Meetinghouse Bar pins onto the ribbon of the Member Society/Colony Officer Medal or National GSMD Medal. **Eligibility:** Donated to the Mayflower Meetinghouse.

4. National GSMD Mayflower Guard Bar

The curved National GSMD Mayflower Guard Bar pins onto the ribbon of the National GSMD Medal. **Eligibility:** Mayflower Guard members.



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Edward Doty, Volume 11, part 1
A "Mayflower Families" 2009 GSMD Publication, part of the *Silver Books*.

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The Mayflower Society House: A New Look at the Edward Winslow House 1754-2020
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